

Totnes Rural District Council.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF M.O.H. FOR 1917.

This Report will be short and concise, as requested by the Local Government Board.

The sanitary condition of the District has been fairly satisfactory.

The births have been 105, viz., 53 males and 52 females. This is a very low rate, as last year the births were 153. The rates per 1,000 of population cannot be given correctly, as here are so many absentees on account of the war.

The deaths have been 181, an increase on last year, when the number was 111.

The principal causes of deaths have been:—

Diseases of Brain	...	...	...	17
Disease of Lungs	...	...	...	28
Diseases of Kidneys	...	...	...	9
Diseases of Heart	...	...	...	23
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	20
Cancer	...	...	...	11
Senile Decay	...	...	...	28
Drowning	...	...	...	7
Other causes not specified	...	...	...	38

Total 181

Deaths of people over 80 years have been 29, and of those between 70 and 80, 22.

Deaths of children under 1 year have been 9.

Zymotic diseases notified have been 130, viz.: Measles, 120; Diphtheria, 4; Scarlet Fever, 3; Erysipelas, 1; Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, 2 (both fatal). No other deaths from these diseases.

33 cases of Tuberculosis notified, viz., Lungs, 30; Brain, 1; Joints, 2.

20 deaths from Tuberculosis.

Tubercular diseases appear to be on the increase.

No cases of Enteric Fever notified.

Miss Cox, Health Inspector, has been employed in the district.

There does not appear to be a deficiency of house accommodation at present, but in the near future cottage building will have to be taken in hand by the Government for working men, as this cannot be carried out by Local Boards or private enterprise.

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